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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KOLB ET AL.

Examiner

Bernard Rojas

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-17,22 and 25-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-8,11-17,22 and 25-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 09/13/2005, with respect to the pending claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Shlomi et al. [US 6,199,587].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 11-17, 22 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shlomi et al. [US 6,199,587].

Claim 1, Shlomi et al. discloses a solenoid [10] comprising:

a magnetically conductive shell [30, 87, 70] having a single coil [35] of wound wire;

a movable magnetic object [42] disposed within a bore of the single coil, the object configured to receive a magnetic force when current is induced in the single coil;

a permanent magnet [72] having a fixed polarity that magnetically repels the movable magnetic object when current is induced in the single coil and magnetically

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attracts an end of the movable magnetic object when no current is induced in the single coil; and

a non-magnetic spacer [44] disposed between the permanent magnet and the movable magnetic object

Claim 2, Shlomi et al. discloses that the movable magnetic object is a plunger [figure 1].

Claims 4 and 13, Shlomi et al. discloses that a return spring [62] is operationally connect to bias the moveable magnetic object in a return position against the spacer when no current is induced in the single coil.

Claim 5, Shlomi et al. discloses an end plate [30] with an attracting stud [58] connected thereto.

Claim 6, Shlomi et al. discloses a housing having the coil, the plunger, the spacer and the bobbin disposed therein [figure 1].

Claim 7, Shlomi et al. discloses that the single coil is wrapped around a bobbin [32].

Claim 8, Shlomi et al. discloses a number of shunt components [34] connected to the bobbin.

Claims 11 and 22, Shlomi et al. discloses an electromagnetic switching apparatus comprising:

a bobbin [32] having a single coil [35] of wire wrapped there around;

a movable armature [42] disposed within the single coil; and

a permanent magnet [72] separated from the armature by a non-magnetic spacer [44] wherein the permanent magnet magnetically attracts the armature when the coil is de-energized and magnetically repels the armature when the coil is energized.

Claim 12, Shlomi et al. discloses that an end plate [30] and attracting stud [58] connected to one end of the bobbin wherein the attracting stud attracts the armature when the single coil is energized [figure 1].

Claim 14, Shlomi et al. discloses the apparatus of claim 13 wherein the armature is further configured to have a first polarity when the single coil is de-energized and a second polarity when the single coil is energized [detx paragraphs 18 and 19].

Claim 15, Shlomi et al. discloses the apparatus of claim 14 wherein the second polarity matches a plurality of the permanent magnet [detx paragraphs 18 and 19].

Claim 16, Shlomi et al. discloses that the second polarity is opposite to a polarity of the end plate [detx paragraphs 18 and 19].

Claim 17, Shlomi et al. discloses a plurality of shunt components [34, 54] disposed radially around the actuator between the single coil and the permanent magnet.

Claims 23 and 25-27, as previously discussed in claim 11, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time in invention was made to put the components in kit form in order to facilitate on-site assembly of the solenoids [figure 1].

Claim 24, as previously discussed in claim 12, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time in invention was made to put the components in kit form in order to facilitate on-site assembly of the solenoids.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Rojas whose telephone number is (571) 272-1998. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:00, every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin G. Enad can be reached on (571) 272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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